

**REMARKS**

Claims 13 to 21 and 23 to 45 are pending and allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 13 to 21 and 23 to 45.

With respect to paragraph two (2) of the Office Action, the objections are respectfully traversed. In this regard, the Office Action asserts that the drawings must show a “non-return valve” and a “reverse siphon” as provided for in claims 13 and 30, respectively. It is respectfully submitted that any review of Figures 1, 6 and 7 makes plain that they illustrate or show an embodiment of a non-return valve. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that any review of Figures 8 and 9, together with Figure 4, makes plain that they illustrate or show a collection arrangement with the U-shape of a reverse siphon. In particular, Figure 4 shows the U-shaped configuration presented by chambers 4a and 4b which form the legs of the reversed U-shaped siphon.

Since Figures 1, 6 and 7 plainly illustrate or show a non-return valve and Figures 8 and 9 (together with Figure 4) plainly illustrate or show the reverse siphon, especially to a person having ordinary skill in the art, it is respectfully requested that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Also, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) (“Rule 83(a)”). While Rule 83(a) states that a drawing is to “show every feature of the invention specified in the claims”, it also provides that “*features disclosed in the description and claims*, where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention” should be -- *but are not required to be* -- “illustrated in the drawing in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation.” Still further, 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) is subject to 37 C.F.R. § 1.81, which only requires a drawing “where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented”. In any event, the subject features are disclosed in the description, the claims -- as well as the Figures, even though their showing in the Figures is not necessary to understanding the claimed subject matter in view of the description and the claims taken alone, as viewed by a person having ordinary skill in the art.

With respect to paragraph three (3) of the Office Action, it was further asserted that the drawings should provide formal drawings in conformance with the Notice of Draftsperson’s Patent Drawing Review dated April 4, 2003. Formal drawings for Figures 1 to 9 accompany this paper. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the objections have been obviated. Since claims 13 to 21 and 23 to 45 are allowed, it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn, and that the ~~present~~ application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Please replace informal Figures 1 to 9 with Replacement sheets 1 to 5 having Formal FIGURES 1 to 9.

No new matter has been added through the drawing amendments, and the corrections are fully supported by the present application, including the specification. Approval and entry of the amendments to the drawings is therefore respectfully requested.